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The Conservation Station is coming to Jones County Conservation Fair

AMES, IOWA—The Conservation Station is coming to the Jones County Conservation Fair on Sunday, April 19, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. The event is at the Lawrence Community Center in Anamosa, 600 East Main Street.

The Conservation Station is a mobile learning center that travels across the state teaching all Iowans what they can do to improve water quality and keep Iowa's soil in place—helping to build a Culture of Conservation.

A visit to the Conservation Station is free. Visitors can learn why Iowa's water and soils are precious and how to help preserve these natural resources for future generations. Conservation Station team will have interactive displays including the popular "poo toss" to convey the message that clean water and healthy soil is essential to everyone. Folks of all ages can try their hand at tossing dog poo (rubber) into trashcans and learn what happens when it gets into our waters.

The Water Rocks! Team will also be demonstrating the rainfall simulator, which shows the effects that rainfall has on different surfaces in agricultural and urban environments. Water runoff and subsurface drainage are collected in clear jars to show what is coming off the various soil surface types such as heavily tilled soil, minimally tilled soil, and pervious pavement.

In addition to the Conservation Station, the Conservation Fair includes a pancake breakfast, booths and displays. The Jones Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) and Grant Wood Trails sponsor this event and will recognize the Conservation Poster Contest entries and the recipients of the CDI scholarship.

The Conservation Station goes to events including field days, county fairs, farmers markets and student educational outings all over Iowa in the spring, summer and fall. Visit the Water Rocks! website to see a schedule of Conservation Station appearance and to request a visit:
www.waterrocks.org.

Water Rocks! uses multiple strategies to inform youth about water including: music videos, short films, free classroom visits to Iowa schools, a computer game, and geocaching at Iowa state parks. Visit the website: www.waterrocks.org for more information. Follow Water Rocks! on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter. Partners of Water Rocks! are Iowa Department of Natural Resources (USEPA Section 319), Iowa State University Extension and Outreach, Leopold Center for Sustainable Agriculture, the Iowa Water Center and Iowa Learning Farms.